



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

**DATES:** We must receive your written comments by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** *Document availability and comment submission:* Use one of the following methods to request documents or submit comments. Requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., **Smith,**

**PER0123456 or ES056001):**

- *Email:* [permitsR6ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR6ES@fws.gov).
- *U.S. Mail:* Marjorie Nelson, Chief, Division of Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 134 Union Blvd, Suite 670, Lakewood, CO 80228.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Krijgsman, Recovery Permits Coordinator, Ecological Services, 303-236-4347 (phone), or [permitsR6ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR6ES@fws.gov) (email). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access

telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

### **Background**

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. The ESA and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

### **Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment**

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits. Accordingly, we invite local, State, and Federal agencies; Tribes; and the public to submit written data, views, or

arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

Permit Number	Applicant	Species	Location	Take Activity	Permit Action
PER0037587	U.S. Forest Service, Bridger-Teton National Forest, Pinedale, Wyoming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kendall Warm Springs dace (<i>Rhinichthys osculus thermalis</i>)</li> </ul>	Wyoming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capture, handle, release, and conduct habitat enhancements by removing invasive species</li> </ul>	Renew and amend
ES-064682	Prairie Wildlife Research, Inc., Wellington, Colorado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>)</li> </ul>	Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, New Mexico, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey, capture, anesthetize, vaccinate, mark, collect blood, tag, transport, and collect genetic samples</li> </ul>	Renew
ES-131398	Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule, South Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>)</li> </ul>	South Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey, capture, anesthetize, vaccinate, mark, collect blood, tag, transport, and collect genetic samples</li> </ul>	Renew
ES-186566	Western State Colorado University, Gunnison, Colorado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uncompahgre fritillary butterfly (<i>Boloria acrocnema</i>)</li> </ul>	Colorado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capture, handle, collect tissue, collect voucher specimens, and release</li> </ul>	Renew
PER0047113	Friends of the Topeka Zoo, Inc., Topeka, Kansas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salt Creek tiger beetle (<i>Cicindela nevadica lincolniana</i>)</li> </ul>	Kansas and Nebraska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive, captively rear, maintain, and care for captive population; transport; and release into native habitat</li> </ul>	New
ES-41329C	Manzanita Botanical Consulting, Salt Lake City, Utah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>San Rafael cactus (<i>Pediocactus despainii</i>)</li> <li>Wright fishhook cactus</li> </ul>	Utah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove and reduce to possession from lands under Federal jurisdiction</li> </ul>	Renew and amend

		( <i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i> )			
ES-37337A	National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, Dubuque, Iowa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wyoming toad (<i>Anaxyrus baxteri</i>)</li> </ul>	Iowa, Wyoming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capture, handle, mark, release, propagate in captivity, transport, display for educational purposes, provide general husbandry, and research</li> </ul>	Renew and amend
ES-051826	Louisville Zoological Gardens, Louisville, Kentucky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>)</li> </ul>	Kentucky and other States where black-footed ferrets are being captively propagated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propagate and care for while in captivity, collect and store biological samples, and transfer between other zoological facilities</li> </ul>	Renew

## **Public Availability of Comments**

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

## **Next Steps**

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the *Federal Register*.

## **Authority**

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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